

RESOLUTION SUBMITTING SALES TAX PROPOSITION TO VOTERS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, ILLINOIS PURSUANT TO 55 ILCS 5/5-1006.5 TO BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR PUBLIC FACILITY PURPOSES, THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE AND TO COMPLETE RENOVATIONS OF THE CAMPBELL BUILDING TO ACCOMMODATE THE OFFICES OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND TREASURER

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Courthouse has served the citizens of Franklin County as the primary center of government operations in Franklin County for approximately 140 years; and

WHEREAS, the costs on maintaining the Franklin County Courthouse as the primary center of Franklin County government operations has continued to increase over the years. The facility is not currently adequate to meet the needs of the Franklin County citizens, is not easily accessible to individuals with physical disabilities, and is not adequate to meet the needs of the Franklin County Court System and Franklin County Government; and

WHEREAS, the cost of replacing the Franklin County Courthouse with new building construction will be in excess of an amount that is affordable within the current or projected revenue streams of Franklin County; and

WHEREAS, the replacement of the Franklin County Courthouse with a new facility is necessary to the citizens of Franklin County; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board desires to keep the overall costs of the courthouse to a minimum and has determined that moving the offices of the Franklin County Clerk and Treasurer to the recently renovated Campbell Building will reduce the space needed to be constructed for the new courthouse, however, some additional remodeling will be needed to accommodate these offices; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County is authorized pursuant to 55 ILCS 5/5-1006.5 to impose a sales tax increase to provide revenue to be used exclusively for public facility purposes in Franklin County, if a proposition for the tax has been submitted to the electors of Franklin County and said proposition is approved by a majority of those voting on the question; and

WHEREAS, a sales tax increase would decrease the burden on paying for the new and renovated facilities on property owners as it would spread the costs to visitors and other persons who buy goods in the county;

WHEREAS, The Franklin County Board desires to place a "sunset" on any sales tax increase authorized by the voters pursuant to this resolution and proposition of 15 years; and

WHEREAS, If the increase in sales tax is approved by the voters, the Franklin County Board desires to cease collection of the public facilities tax upon collecting sufficient funds from said sales tax increase for the payment of all costs and indebtedness, including principle and interest, related to the project which shall be no later than 15 years.

WHEREAS, The Franklin County Board desires to place a proposition on the April 2, 2019 Consolidated Election Ballot, to give the voters of Franklin County an opportunity to decide if Franklin County's share of the sales tax should be increased by one per cent (1%).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND DECREED, by the Franklin County Board as follows:

1. A Proposition regarding the imposition of a sales tax increase of one per cent (1%) for public facilities purposes shall be submitted to the voters of Franklin County at the April 2, 2019 Consolidated Election.

2. The Proposition to be submitted to the voters of Franklin County at the April 2, 2019 Consolidated Election shall read substantially as follows:

To pay for public facility purposes, the construction of a new Franklin County Courthouse and to complete renovations to the Campbell Building to accommodate the offices of the Franklin County Clerk and Treasurer, shall the County of Franklin be authorized to impose an increase on its share of local sales taxes by one percent (1%) for a period not to exceed 15 years?

Yes ()
No ()

3. As additional information on the ballot below the Proposition shall appear the following:

This would mean that a consumer would pay an additional One Dollar (\$1.00) in sales tax for every one hundred dollars (\$100) of tangible personal property bought at retail. If imposed, the additional tax would cease being collected at the end of the 15 years, if not terminated earlier by a vote of the county board.

4. If the increase in sales tax is approved by the voters, the Franklin County Board shall cease collection of the public facilities tax upon collecting sufficient funds from said sales tax increase for the payment of all costs and indebtedness, including principle and interest, related to the project which shall be no later than 15 years.

THIS RESOLUTION 2018-89 WAS PASSED AND APPROVED at the regular meeting of Franklin County Board, on this 18TH day of DECEMBER, 2018.

Randall Crocker
Randall Crocker, Chairman

ATTEST Greg Woodard
Greg Woodard, Franklin County Clerk

YEAS 9
NAYS 0
ABSENT 0